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Mr. SPECTATOR,

Am no *Politician*, and therefore have nothing to say about *Dettingen*, or the *Hanoverians*: The City *Addreſs*, whether it contain'd *too much*, *too little*, or *juſt enough*, is nothing to me: And yet I am not wholly unconcern'd about the *State of the Nation*, which I think has at preſent great Need to be enquir'd into. The *gay* Part of the Nation, the *Beau Monde* is what I mean, for with the reſt I have no *Acquaintance* nor *Alliance*. A great Number of *Abuſes*, that deſerve a legiſlative Redreſs, are crept into this *Community*, of which I ſhall now enumerate a *few*: Humbly offering, at the ſame Time, my own Thoughts of what may be done, in order to prevent the ſame *Complaints* for the future.

Advertiſing after a *Bedfellow*, as we have ſeen it practis'd by *both Sexes*, unleſs the Town has been groſly impos'd upon, is one of theſe Abuſes. I am *ſcandaliz'd* whenever I ſee this Infringement of all *good Manners*, this Contempt of that *Reſpect* which I have hitherto thought due from the *Sexes* to *each other*. Is it more or leſs than ſetting themſelves up to Sale, to be carry'd off by the firſt Perſon who bids to the Price? If there was indeed a Scarcity on one Side; if the *Men* had been loſt in *War*, like the *Athenians* of old, 'till there was a viſible *Want* of the Species; or if there had been a *Mortality* among the *Women*, of what Kind ſoever, that produced the ſame *Effect*, there might have been ſome Excuſe for this Practice. He or ſhe who had moſt Money, *cæteris paribus*, might ſtand the beſt Chance for a *Wife* or a *Huſband*, and would be juſtified in publiſhing what they had to offer for the *Bleſſing*: But as Matters are at preſent, when, by what appears, every *John* may have his *Joan*, if he will but aſk the *Queſtion*, I cannot but look on this Innovation as very *unneceſſary* in the *Men*, and very *indecent* in the *Women*.

Yet, leſt it ſhould ſo happen that any of the *former*, through dint of mere *native Modeſty*, otherwiſe called *Sheepiſhneſs*, ſhould not be able to open his Mind; or any of the *latter*, by great *ill Luck*, ſhould live 'till thirty without having it in her Power to give a *Denial*; I would humbly propoſe, for the Benefit of ſuch, that there be erected, by Authority of Parliament, a *Publick Regiſter Office* for ſingle Perſons, into which none ſhould be admitted who did not previouſly make *Oath* that they were free from all *Engagement*. In this Office ſuch Perſons ſhould enter their *Ages*, *Statures*, *Features*, *Fortunes*, or whatever the *Regiſter-Keeper* ſhould be empower'd to aſk, under the ſame ſolemn Penalty of an *Oath*; the Men in *one Book*, and the Women in *another*; which ſhould never be open'd but to the *contrary Sex*. Each *Entry* ſhould be made in a *diſtinct Leaf*, that no one ſhould ſee the *Name* of another of the *ſame Sex*: And thoſe who came to *conſult*, whether *Men* the Regiſter of *Women*, or *Women* the Regiſter of *Men*, ſhould never be admitted more than *one* at a Time, and each be *oblig'd* again in the ſame Manner to *ſecrecy*.

When any *Lot* in this Office ſeem'd agreeable in *Deſcription*, the *Original* ſhould be produced the firſt convenient Opportunity, for *full Examination*; not before the *Officers*, but in what Manner the Parties ſhould think proper; and, upon mutual Conſent, they ſhould be, after that, at Liberty to *ſee* each other *when* and *wherever* they pleas'd: Provided always, that if they enter'd into the Holy State of *Wedlock*, they ſhould give *Notice* thereof immediately at the *Office*, that either their *Deſcription* might be ſtruck out of the *Regiſter*, or their *Names* added to it for the *Encouragement* of others.——As I would not preſume to meddle with the *Revenue*, I pretend not to fix a *Price* upon this *Regiſter*: But I cannot help thinking, that at a very *ſmall Charge* per *Head*, it would be equivalent to ſome other *petty Taxes*.

After ſuch a Regiſter was *eſtabliſh'd*, if any Man or Woman took upon them to adverтiſe in a publick *News-Paper*, they ſhould be ſuſpected of *Impoſture* in ſome Article or other; either that they were not ſo *rich*, ſo *handſome*, ſo *young* as they pretended, or that there was ſome other *Defect* or *Obſtacle* that prevented their coming to the *fair Market*.

My ſecond *Complaint* is chiefly levell'd againſt the *Fair*, tho' the Remedy I ſhall propoſe will be equally for the Benefit of *both Sexes*. It is againſt an *Affectation* that prevails among *ſome* of them, on certain Occaſions, to dreſs ſo much like *Men*, that there may be great Danger of their being taken for *ſuch*, and of many a *pretty Fellow* being taken for a Lady, eſpecially if the Cuſtom ſhould grow more *general*. Now as I can hardly think there are many *Women*, however they may be pleas'd with *mimicking* another Manner, that would in Reality be willing to paſs for what they are *not*, I hope the Hazard they run will ſufficiently convince them without any new *Interpoſition* of the *Legiſlature*.

When *Jack Dapper* and his Siſter *Lucy* ride out together, there is no Difference to be ſeen betwixt them but in the *Petticoat* and *Breeches*: And I am very apprehenſive, if a Stop be not put to this *aſſimilating Taſte*, that theſe two Garments may in Time come to a *Compromiſe*. If this ſhould ever happen, what ſhould we do when there was a *Feminine Voice* in the Man, and a *Maſculine* in the Woman: And the *Voices* are ſo much alike in the *two* I have mention'd, that when *Jack* calls in the next Room, nothing is more common than for the Servants to anſwer, *Madam!*

There is another *Complaint* that has been frequently repeated, not in *private* only, but in *publick*, tho' never, that I can remember, upon the *Motive* I am now going to mention: I mean the Want of Lights in the Streets of *Weſtminſter*. The Arguments of *Pickpockets*, *Aſſaſſins*, Danger of *falling* on the *bad Pavement*, the *Ungentility* of this *Darkneſs* at the Court End of the Town, when the *City* of *London* is all illuminated, and the bad *Impreſſion* this Sight muſt make upon *Strangers*; all theſe, and more, have been urg'd in *other Papers* from Time to Time: But no Body has hinted at the *Inconveniency* young Gentlemen lie under, eſpecially in the *Strand*, in picking up a *Lady* of *Pleaſure* without being able to diſtinguiſh her *Face*. I have read ſomewhere as an old *Proverb*, that neither *Gold*, *Bread*, nor *Woman*, ſhould be choſen by *Candle-light*: And if not by *Candle-light*, much leſs by *no Light* at all. Not to capitulate over the Diſappointments a *pretty young Fellow* may meet with, as to *Complexion*, *Shape*, *Age*, or *Dreſs*, I ſhall only mention an Accident that lately happen'd, which may inform Gentlemen of this Taſte what *Hazard* they run in ſuch *Adventures*, while the Streets of *Weſtminſter* are ſo ill accommodated with *Lights*.

My Friend *Thomas Atall*, a young Fellow of *good Nature*, *good Humour*, and not deficient in *good Senſe*, has ſtill too much Inclination to give a looſe to *thoſe Paſſions* which firſt drew him off from *cloſe Study*. He is very *private* in his Extravagancies, and never any of them, that I can learn, were diſcover'd above *thrice* in his whole Life. How often *Tom* has been *guilty* I will not pretend to ſay, and am ſorry to think he may have been *more frequently* ſo than his beſt Friends are appriz'd of. But this is certain, that one Night going home from the *City* between Nine and Ten o'Clock, he met with an *Object* that by *ſome Means* engag'd his Attention. He turn'd back after her, and follow'd her from the End of *Katherine-Street* to the *New Church*: He deſir'd her to take a *Glaſs of Wine* with him, to which ſhe ſo readily conſented, that he did not doubt, according to his own Phraſe, but that the *Game* was *ſet*. How was he ſurpriz'd when he found his ſuppos'd *Miſtreſs* was the *Wife* of his Friend *William Homelove*, who had only been to ſee her *Siſter*, and came home before the Time appointed for the *Servant* to wait on her. She, who knew nothing of *Tom's Gallantry*, and but juſt enough of the Town to ſuſpect his *Meaning*, was reſolv'd to be ſatisfied if her own *Judgment* miſguided her, or whether *Tom* was in Reality a *Rake*. He had too much *Native Sincerity* to deny the *Truth* when charg'd with it, and ſhe not enough *Indulgence* to forgive a *Crime*, which ſhe never thought of but with *Abhorrence*. In a Word, *Tom* was *detected*, and is now oblig'd to put himſelf upon a Rank with ſome of his *Acquaintance*, whom he before took the Liberty to *cenſure*.

Your *Female* Readers, Mr. *Stonecaſtle*, ſhall ſee I am equally impartial to both Sexes. Having therefore remonſtrated againſt one Inconvenience to the *Men*, it is but juſt I ſhould do the ſame for the *Women*. When our Forefathers firſt laid out the *Foot-Ways* along the Streets, they did not ſee that it it would be neceſſary, in the preſent Age, for one *Lady* to require more Room to *walk* in than at that Time ſufficed for three; if they had, without queſtion, they would have taken Care their *Hoops* ſhould not have been ſo incommoded between the *Walls* and the *Poſts*. I would not preſume to offer at the Reduction of theſe *wide ſpreading Ornaments*, which all the World muſt allow to be *neceſſary* while they are *faſhionable*: What other *Method* then can be taken than that which I would propoſe, the ſetting out of the Poſts, in order to remedy this Inconvenience to all the *Pedeſtrian Fair*?

And as to thoſe who travel in *Vehicle's*, the narrowneſs of thoſe *Conveniencies* is not leſs obvious and inſupportable than that of the *Foot Pavement*. Every one knows that if *two Ladies* happen together in a *Chariot*, they muſt turn their *Petticoats* out of Window, in order to ſit *within themſelves*; and that this Poſture is neither very *eaſy* nor very *decent*, will be, I believe, in general allow'd. Nay a *Gentleman* and *Lady* cannot ſit together, and give Houſe-room to this *ſpacious Circle*, without ſome little Puniſhment to the *Legs* of the former. But how many there are that ſuffer by this Means in the Street, eſpecially of your *Spindle-Shanks* and *broken Shins*, it is impoſſible to think of without *Concern*, and without wiſhing there were *Room* made for *two People* to paſs each other.

Now I am got into a Vein of Scheming, I muſt propoſe one Improvement more to ſerious Conſideration, which I think abſolutely neceſſary in the preſent *polite* Age: It is, that the *Ladies*, as well as the *Gentlemen*, ſhould have *Publick Houſes* of meeting, at all Hours, under the Denomination of *Female Coffee-Houſes*. In theſe Places I would have *Cards* allow'd of (in the *Publick Room* only;) but no Perſon ſhould play for above a *certain Sum*, without ſubmitting to be afterwards call'd a *Gameſter*, by way of Reproach. I would likewiſe have a *Paper* printed on purpoſe for their Uſe, to which might be reviv'd the old and honourable Title of *Tatler*. It ſhould contain all the *private Intelligence* that makes the greateſt Part of *moſt Converſations*, and be under the Direction of a *Committee* at the chief Houſe of *Rendezvous*. The Minutes of every *Female Coffee-Houſe* ſhould be tranſmitted hither in the Evening, and ſuch Articles as were approv'd of ſent from hence to the *Printer's*, in order to come out the next Morning. No *Gentlemen* ſhould be admitted into theſe Aſſemblies but ſuch as could prove

themſelves, by the Teſtimony of at leaſt *five Ladies*, to have been all their Lives *arrant Danglers*, and utterly unfit for *Male Converſation*.

I expect, Sir, you would publiſh this *Letter*, whether you like it yourſelf or no; becauſe, whatever you are, there may be ſome as odd Fellows as

JACK SCHEMER.

As Mr. *Schemer* is ſo peremptory in his Commands, and ſeems to ſhew ſuch a Contempt for my Opinion, I think myſelf not oblig'd to hazard my own Judgment where it is not requir'd. If every one is as well ſatisfy'd as he would wiſh to have them, that he has convers'd only in the polite World, I doubt not but his Projects will meet with, at leaſt, a favourable Hearing in the *ſame* Sphere. Reformation has been the great End of all my *Lucubrations*, and if that can be effected, either by pleaſant Irony or ſerious Diſſertations, it is all that was ever wiſh'd for by

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FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

Conſtantinople, Sept. 16. The Baſhaw of Babylon's Chiaya, accompanied by an Arabian, arriv'd here lately, and were immediately introduced to the Sublime Porte, but they are not permitted to ſpeak to any Body but the Miniſtry. Nevertheleſs, it is whiſper'd that the Chiaya has aſſur'd, that his Maſter, the Baſhaw, far from being able to keep the Province of Babylon under the Grand Signor's Obedience, utterly deſpairs of it; becauſe not being provided with Neceſſaries, there is great Reaſon to fear Shah Nadir will find Means to debauch the Troops and make the People riſe, by the flattering Promiſes he daily makes to both. This Baſhaw moreover complains, that no Care has been taken to execute what he had judg'd proper to be done, which he did inform the Divan of in due Time; and concludes, that notwithſtanding the Situation he is in, he will do his Duty, and anſwer the Confidence the Sultan repoſes in him; and that if the Iſſue ſhould not prove ſucceſsful, the Want of Means muſt juſtify him.

This News has thrown the Porte into a Conſternation; but as the Miniſtry dare not take violent Reſolutions againſt this Baſhaw in the preſent Juncture, they diſſemble, and feign to put all their Truſt in him for preſerving that great Province, by furniſhing him with whatever they think may engage his Troops to make a vigorous Defence, and giving him all poſſible Encouragement to ſet them a good Example.

In the mean time Shah Nadir has ſat down before Mouſul, but has not yet begun the Siege in form: He has made himſelf Maſter of the Navigation of the River Tygris, by which he draws to his Camp all the Proviſions of the adjacent Countries, which he pays for very liberally, with a View to famiſh the Ottoman Troops, who indeed ſuffer greatly by it, as does likewiſe the Town of Mouſul, which cannot hold out many Days.

The Perſian Monarch has lately brought ſeveral Arabian Princes under his Obedience; but he took Care to bring them over to his Intereſt by Perſuaſions, rather than by Force; and he now furniſhes them with all Sorts of Neceſſaries, that they may keep themſelves and their Men in readineſs to march with him upon Occaſion. We do not yet know what the real Deſigns of the Shah are; for by threatning to fall upon divers Places all at once, he obliges us to divide our Forces, and keeps our Generals in perpetual Doubts. Several Councils have been held on this Particular, and it was unanimouſly agreed, that the Grand Vizir muſt go to the Army and act with Vigour. Since we have found that the Troops ſent by Land to Aſia diminiſh conſiderably by Deſertion, the Porte has reſolv'd to ſend as many of them as poſſible by Sea.

Conſtantinople, Oct. 28. The Perplexity which the Porte is in on Account of the Enterprizes of Thamas Kouli-Kan, determines the Grand Signor to have Recourſe to the Advice of the famous Oſman Baſhaw, Count Bonneval. His Highneſs ſent him Word ſome time ago at his Country Houſe, that he had reſolv'd to call an extraordinary Divan about the Affairs of Perſia, and that he deſir'd he would aſſiſt at it, in order to give his Opinion concerning the propereſt Meaſures for acting ſucceſsfully againſt the Perſians. This Divan has accordingly been held, and Count Bonneval laid a Plan before it, by which he pretended that the War with Kouli-Kan might be eaſily terminated in one ſingle Campaign: But the Baſhaws that compos'd this Council, found this Plan ſo oppoſite to the Principles and Practice, that they choſe to pronounce it impracticable, rather than diſcover that they were ſenſible of their Inability to follow it exactly. Count Bonneval is ſince gone back to his Country Seat, highly diſguſted at the little Regard paid to his uſeful Counſels.

Petersbourg, Nov. 13. A few Days ago a Courier arriv'd from Vienna with a Copy of the firſt Examination which the Marqueſs de Botta has gone thro' before the Commiſſion appointed by the Queen of Hungary to enquire into his Conduct: How ſtrong ſoever the Reaſons may be which the Marqueſs alledges in his Defence, it does not yet appear that this Court is fully convinc'd of his Innocence.

Madrid, Nov. 12. This Morning a Courier arriv'd from Naples, by whom the King of the Two Sicilies writes to his Majeſty, that the Auſtrian Army was ſtill drawing nearer to the Frontiers of the Kingdom of Naples, and that his Sicilian Majeſty would, in conſequence of it, find himſelf oblig'd to break the Neutrality in order to join his Troops to the Army commanded by Count Gage.

Turin, Nov. 12. The laſt Letters from Nice ſay, that on the 2d Inſtant Admiral Matthews receiv'd a Courier from Prince Lobkowitz; whereby this General gave him Notice that the Spaniards having abandon'd Rimini and Cattolica, he was taking proper Meaſures to intercept any Convoys that might be ſent to them by Land; and that if he (the Admiral) would ſend a few of his Ships to the Adriatick, it would not only prevent their receiving any Subſiſtence by Sea, but would likewiſe oblige them to abandon the Poſts they hold along the Coaſt: In conſequence of which Advice Admiral Matthews has ſent away five Men of War to the Adriatick, and keeps the reſt of his Fleet in readineſs to ſail for the Iſles of Hieres, being inform'd that the French and Spaniſh Squadrons at Toulon are preparing to put to Sea.

Copenhagen, Nov. 22. There is no more talk of the Marriage of the Princeſs Royal with the Succeſſor to the Crown of Sweden; but we are aſſur'd that M. Titley, Miniſter from the King of Great Britain, is charg'd to negotiate a Match between that Princeſs and the Duke of Cumberland.

Hambourg, Nov. 29. The laſt Letters from Dreſden take Notice, that there is ſome Negotiation or Alliance on the Tapis between that Court and the King of the Two Sicilies: Couriers are perpetually going to and fro between Dreſden and Naples, and make no Myſtery of the Errand they are upon; but as yet we don't hear a Word of the Drift or Articles of the new Treaty on the Anvil.

Advices from Hanover ſay, that the new Levies for compleating the Regiments go on very briſkly all over that Electorate, and that the Colonels, and other Commanding Officers of the Troops in the Pay of Great Britain, have receiv'd Orders to be at their Poſt in the Beginning of next March. We alſo hear that 6000 Danes will be taken again into Britiſh Pay, and join the Grand Army next Spring along with 4000 Heſſian Troops that were in the Emperor's Service.

Liege, Dec. 5. The Biſhop of this See died this Morning at Four o'Clock.

Naples, Nov. 12. The King has juſt iſſued Orders for 25,000 Men to hold themſelves in Readineſs to march to the Frontiers of the Eccleſiaſtick State, in order to join the Spaniſh Army in caſe of Need.

Peſaro, Nov. 18. The Spaniards continue to fortify and intrench themſelves: Their Poſts ſeem to be inacceſſible, being cover'd with Rivers and Canals, and defended with many Batteries, which flank all the Avenues. We are told that the Neapolitan Troops are to advance into the Eccleſiaſtick State.

Bologna, Nov. 19. Prince Lobkowitz's Head Quarters are ſtill at Rimini, and by the Preparations he is making it appears, that he has not yet laid aſide his Deſign to attack the Spaniards.

Baſil, Nov. 27. It is ſaid that the Cantons have come to a Reſolution to grant the Crown of France Leave to raiſe 16,000 Swiſs more for her Service: The Contingent of this City is to be two Companies of 175 Men each.

Vienna, Nov. 23. The Courier Thomori arriv'd here Yeſterday with Diſpatches from M. Binckler, the Queen's Reſident at the Porte, adviſing, among other Things, that the Plague rages furiouſly at Conſtantinople and the Borough of Pera, which is contiguous to that City.

From the Paris A-la-main, Dec. 4.

The Sea Officers have receiv'd Orders to repair to their reſpective Stations in fifteen Days at fartheſt.

The King of Pruſſia labours in earneſt to bring about a Peace; however, we are of Opinion that there will be none 'till the Queen of Hungary is forced to it.

It is currently reported here, that Admiral Matthews has landed 2000 Men at Monaco, and that he is to beſiege that Place while the Britiſh Fleet blocks it up by Sea. We are aſſur'd that this Act of Hoſtility on the Part of the Engliſh will make our Miniſtry ſooner reſolve to ſend out the Squadrons at Breſt and Toulon, as well to relieve Monaco, as to convoy a Body of Troops to Italy.

The Comptroller-General of the Finances has juſt order'd ten Millions to be paid to M. de Maurepas, for the extraordinary Expences of the Marine.

Actions 218o Livres.

PLANTATION NEWS.

Weſton, Sept. 22. Laſt Sunday Morning died here Mrs. Lydia Jones, (Relict of Capt. Jones, above 10 Years ſince deceas'd) in the 95th Year of her Age. She had an unuſual Degree of Health moſt of her Days, and, notwithſtanding her great Age, retain'd her Underſtanding to the laſt. The numerous Increaſe of her Poſterity is very remarkable, tho' a conſiderable Number are gone before her, viz. of ten Children, four ſurviving; of her Grand Children, 12 deceaſed, and 67 remain now living; of her Great Grand-Children 42 deceaſed, and 149 remain alive; and of the 5th Generation 13, beſides three that have died. The whole Number amounts to 296, of which 63 have died before her; and there now remain living, in ſeveral Parts of the Country, 233 Deſcendants from her.

Boſton, Sept. 29. Laſt Sunday Morning a large Bear was diſcover'd in a Corn Field at Newbury, and being purſu'd, was ſhot thro' the Body and put into a great Rage; however, a Man ventur'd up to him with an Axe, and ſtruck him on the Head; but the Bear got him down, enter'd his Claws into his Arms and Thighs, and would preſently have devour'd him, had he not been immediately kill'd. When he ſeat'd he was ſeven Feet high.

IRELAND.

Caſtleblany, Nov. 12. Laſt Friday Night died here the Rev. Mr. William Creichton, Rector of Eniſkeen, in the Dioceſe of Clogher. He was Great Grandſon to one of the Earls of Dumfries in Scotland, and a Gentleman much regarded by all his Acquaintance, and particularly happy in his Humour and agreeable Converſation.

Dublin, Nov. 19. The Trial between James Anneſley, Eſq; and the Earl of Angleſea, is not yet ended, They are now examining Witneſſes in behalf of his Lordſhip.

LONDON.

The Diſcourſe that prevails of a *Marriage* between his *Royal Highneſs the Duke* and the *Princeſs of Denmark* affords this comfortable Proſpect; That if the French ſhould *out-negotiate* us in the North, we ſhall at the leaſt *out-marry* them: Eſpecially if *another Match*, that has been long talk'd of, between the *Succeſſor to the Crown of Sweden* and a *Princeſs of Great Britain*, ſhould alſo *take place*.——*Alliances* of this Kind, in the Days of *Simplicity*, were always thought very *binding*: The *Houſe of Auſtria*, ſo long the Terror of *Europe*, raiſed itſelf chiefly by ſuch Means; and the petty *Count of Hapſburg*, one of the moſt *inconſiderable* Princes of the Empire, was choſen *Emperor* for the ſake of marrying his Daughters by the *Electors*.——This we may however certainly depend on, that the *Crown of Great Britain* is not like to want *Heirs* of the Illuſtrious *Houſe of Hanover*.

On Sunday his Majeſty was at the Chapel Royal at St. James's, and heard a Sermon preach'd by the Rev. Dr. Thomas, when the new Te Deum and the

following Anthem, both ſet to Muſick by Mr. Handel, on his Majeſty's ſafe Arrival, were perform'd before the Royal Family.

A N T H E M.

THE King ſhall rejoice in thy Strength, O Lord; exceeding glad ſhall he be of thy Salvation.

His Honour is great in thy Salvation; Glory and great Worſhip ſhalt thou lay upon him.

Thou ſhalt give him everlaſting Felicity, and make him glad with the Joy of thy Countenance.

And why? becauſe the King putteth his Truſt in the Lord, and in the Mercy of the moſt Higheſt he ſhall not miſcarry.

We will rejoice in thy Salvation, and triumph in the Name of the Lord our God. Hallelujah.

We hear that the young Prince, Son to their Royal Highneſſes the Prince and Princeſs of Wales, was baptiz'd on Friday Night at Leiceſter-Houſe, by the Name of William-Henry; the Sponſors were, 'tis ſaid, the Prince of Orange, the Duke of Cumberland, and the Princeſs Amelia.

Prince Edward, who has been inoculated for the Small-Pox, is thought to be in a fair Way of Recovery.

Laſt Saturday their Royal Highneſſes the Duke of Cumberland, Princeſs Amelia and Caroline, attended by Lord Clifford, Lady Anne Montague, and ſeveral other Perſons of Diſtinction, took the Diverſion of Stag-Hunting on Epſom Downs; they had a conſtant Chace of five Hours, and it is computed the Stag ran upwards of ſixty Miles before he was kill'd.

His Majeſty has appointed the Right Hon. the Earl of Hume, one of the Sixteen Peers of Scotland, to be Colonel of a Company in the Third Regiment of Foot Guards.

We hear that the four vacant Garters will be diſpos'd of in a few Days, and will be given to the Prince Royal of Denmark, the Lord Carteret, the Earl of Winchelſea, and the Duke of Argyle.

We hear that the Rev. Dr. Trevor will be appointed Biſhop of St. David's, in the room of Dr. Willis, now Biſhop of Bath and Wells.

Monday his Grace the Duke of Portland, taking the Diverſion of Hunting at his Seat at Bulſtrode in Buckinghamſhire, had the Misfortune to be flung from his Horſe, by which Accident he broke his Left Arm; whereupon a Surgeon was immediately ſent for from Uxbridge to ſet it.

On Saturday —— Worſley, Eſq; kiſs'd his Majeſty's Hand at St. James's, on his being appointed one of the Equerries to his Majeſty.

The Lords of the Admiralty have appointed Mr. Allen Goodchild to be Clerk of Portſmouth Yard, in the room of Mr. Samuel Bridgen, deceas'd.

A few Days ago Daniel Booth, of Devonſhire-Square, Eſq; a wealthy Canterbury Factor, was married to Mrs. Bodicoate, Relict of —— Bodicoate, of Tooting in Surrey, Eſq; an agreeable Lady with a Fortune of 25,000 l.

On Saturday Night laſt George Fitzgerald, jun. of Biſhopſgate, Eſq; an eminent French and Spaniſh Merchant, was married to Miſs Seagrave of Red-Lion-Square, lately arriv'd from Spa, a celebrated Beauty of great Accompliſhments, and a Fortune of 18,000 l.

Sunday was married at Weſtminſter-Abbey, Mr. Anthony Cartwright, an eminent Attorney at Saliſbury, to Mrs. Simpſon, Widow of —— Simpſon, Eſq; of Hendon in Middleſex, an agreeable Gentlewoman with a Fortune of 400 l. a Year.

Laſt Week died, at his Houſe at Hampſtead, Mr. Hunt, formerly an eminent Saleſman the Corner of Long-Lane in Smithfield; but having acquir'd a handſome Fortune, retir'd from Buſineſs near twenty Years ſince; and on Saturday laſt his Body was inter'd in the Church of St. Bartholomew the Great.

On Saturday laſt died, at his Houſe in Tufton-Street, Weſtminſter, the Hon. Capt. Leſley, of the Third Regiment of Foot Guards, Brother to the Right Hon. the Earl of Leven.

On Saturday laſt died, after a ſhort Illneſs, at his Lodgings in Bell-Yard, near Temple-Bar, Oliver St. John, of Lincoln's-Inn, Eſq; Brother to Sir Francis St. John, Bart.

On Sunday died in Burlington-ſtreet, of a Conſumption, in the 18th Year of her Age, the only Daughter and Child of General Folliot.

Sunday Morning died at his Houſe at Stepney, Mr. South a Gentleman of great Learning, and poſſeſs'd of a plentiful Fortune: He was nearly related to the late famous Dr. South.

On Sunday laſt died, at his Houſe at Wimbleton in Surrey, after a few Hours Illneſs, Henry Cheſter, Eſq; Brother to Robert Cheſter, Eſq; one of the South-Sea Directors in the Year 1720.

Tueſday Morning died, after an Illneſs of many Years, at his Houſe at Peckham, Mr. Hull, formerly an eminent Cabinet-maker and Glaſs-ſeller in Radcliff Highway, who by his large Dealings with the Merchants acquir'd a plentiful Fortune, with which he prudently retir'd from Buſineſs.

The Rev. Henry Greſley, M. A. and Fellow of Wadham College, Oxford, has been preſented, by the Right Hon. the Lord Chancellor, to the Rectory of St. Peter, in the Baily, City, and Dioceſe of Oxford, a Living of conſiderable Value.

The Rev. Mr Samuel Seyer, A. M. is unanimouſly choſen Fellow and Tutor of Pembroke College, Oxford, in the room of the Rev. Mr. Thomas Parkes, A. M. who died a few Days ago.

On Saturday laſt a Diſpenſation paſs'd the Great Seal to enable William Davis, B. L. to hold the Rectory of Langaſty Tallylly, in the County of Brecon and Dioceſe of St. David's, together with the Rectory of Llanbeds, in the County and Dioceſe aforeſaid.

Wedneſday ſe'nnight the following Numbers were drawn Prizes, viz. 7495, and 64,005, 100 l. each.

Thurſday the following Numbers were drawn Prizes, viz. 63,313, 500 l. 79,209, 74,042, 47,669, 37,499, 7,838, and 15,456, 100 l. each.

Friday the following Numbers were drawn Prizes, viz. 8315, 500 l. 70,496, 56,209, 25,708, 27,694, 55,514, 9291, 77,376, 38,596, 8564, 46,455, 32,416, 28,859, 24,592, and 894, 100 l. each.

Laſt Saturday the following Numbers were drawn Prizes, viz. 15,640, 5000 l. 31,942, 42,072, 39,318, 75,606, 41,211, 36,298 58,746, 50,488, 60,909, 100 l. each.

Monday the following Numbers were drawn Prizes, viz. 10,728 and 48,717, 1000 l. each; 8392 and 57,990, 500 l. each; and 58,420, 100 l.

Tueſday the following Numbers were drawn Prizes, viz. 26,769, 47,201, 75,935, 4399, 76,409, and 6439, 100 l. each.

Wedneſday the following Numbers were drawn Prizes, viz. 52,802, 10,000 l. 74,549, 48,502, and 46,012, 100 l. each.

Letters from ſeveral Parts of Hertfordſhire, Bedfordſhire, &c. adviſe, that the Wheat is ſo very high that the Farmers have been oblig'd to let the Sheep eat the Tops of it, to prevent its growing too rank; a Thing not known before, at this Seaſon of the Year, by the oldeſt Man living.

Thurſday ſe'nnight, about Ten at Night, ſome Officers of the Cuſtoms ſeiz'd upwards of 900 Weight of Tea, that was conceal'd in a Barn at South-Lambeth; but in bringing it to Town they were attack'd by a Gang of Smugglers in the Lane leading from Lambeth to Newington, who retook the Tea after a ſtout Engagement, wherein ſeveral Heads were broken on both Sides, and carry'd it off with loud Huzzas.

Yeſterday ſe'nnight Philip Eales, and a Woman who calls herſelf his Wife, were both committed to Newgate by Col. De Veil, for contriving to have a Gentleman of ſome Diſtinction hawl'd down by Force into the Night-Cellar they kept near the New Church in the Strand, about Two o'Clock in the Morning, where he was oblig'd, by being put in Fear of his Life, to play with the ſaid Eales at Huſtle-Cap, whether he would or no, was ſtripp'd of his Gold Watch, and robb'd of a great Number of Guineas; and the better to prepare him for the Diſcipline he was to undergo, he was by Force dragg'd into a back Room, where he was immediately ſwaddled in a Blanket and Quilt, and almoſt ſmother'd to Death, by a Woman who threw herſelf upon him, and ſtopt his Breath.

On Tueſday Bridget Jemmerſon was committed to Newgate by Col. De Veil, on the Oath of Mr. John Harriſon, for aſſaulting him in the Houſe of a Marſhalſea Court Officer, with three other Women, putting him in Fear of his Life, and robbing him of a Purſe, in which was 70 l. in Engliſh and Foreign Coin, his Property.

The ſame Day Edward Ittington and Richard Kains were committed to Newgate by Alderman Marſhal, for aſſiſting Mary Clifford, (already taken) in robbing Mrs. Mary Gyles on the Highway of her Scarlet Cloak and a Parcel of Holland.

On Sunday Morning, about Three o'Clock, a Carman in Grub-ſtreet, near Moorfields, having ſome Words with his Wife, flung her out of the Window, by which Accident her Neck was broke, and ſhe died inſtantly.

John Stewart, Eſq; of Caſtle-Stewart in the County of Galloway in North Britain, lodging the 18th Inſtant at the Crown Inn at Fakenham in the County of Norfolk, was robb'd in the Night of a Portmanteau, in which was 285 l. 9 s. ſeal'd up in a yellow Canvaſs Bagg, and other Things; the Portmanteau, with all its Contents, except the ſaid Sum, has been ſince found; and for the better Diſcovery of the Perſon or Perſons who committed the ſaid Fact, his Majeſty has been graciouſly pleas'd to promiſe his Pardon to whoever ſhall impeach his or her Accomplices, ſo that they be convicted thereof; and as a further Encouragement, Mr. Stewart promiſes 30 l. Mr. Harris, who keeps the Crown Inn, 20 l. and the Inhabitants of Fakenham 30 l. to any ſuch Diſcoverer, on the Conviction of the Offender or Offenders.

Laſt Week three Jews were apprehended at Ipſwich and committed to Gaol there, for breaking open a Drawer at an Inn at Colcheſter, and taking out about 40 l. A pretty large Sum of Money was found upon them, among which was a particular Piece that is ſworn to by the Innkeeper: They had alſo a large Silver Tankard very much defaced, beſides ſeveral Gold Rings, Diamond Ear-Rings, Silver Spoons, and many other Things of Value, great Part of which are claim'd by Mr. Young, a Goldſmith in Bloomſbury, whoſe Shop was lately broke open and robb'd.

Laſt Week two other Jews were committed to the Caſtle at Colcheſter, who have confeſs'd that they broke open a Houſe at Witham in Eſſex, and ſtole from thence ſeveral Silver Spoons, &c. It is pity that the Publick gives Encouragement to ſuch trading Vermin, who ſwarm up and down in moſt Parts of England; but 'tis obſervable that many People chuſe rather to deal with them than a reputable Shopkeeper, who ſells his Goods for a reaſonable Profit, and cheaper than thoſe Fellows poſſibly can, provided the Quality of the Goods be equal and they came honeſtly by them. Beſides, there is a very great Evil attends the encouraging ſuch Fellows, who have thereby an Opportunity of receiving ſtolen Goods of any Kind, by way of Truck, as they call it.

Laſt Sunday Night, about Eight o'Clock, Mr. Marks, a Weaver in Booth-Street, Spital-Fields, was attack'd by four Footpads in Stepney Fields, who broke his Head in ſeveral Places for not having his Watch with him: They took from him ſeventeen Shillings in Silver, his Hat and Wig, and then made off.

Monday David Todd was committed to Newgate by Col. De Veil, for robbing Mrs. Sarah Heath of her Pocket, in which were ſeveral Things of Value. He is alſo detain'd on the Oath of Mrs. Eſther Herbert, for aſſaulting her laſt Sunday Night in the Street, and taking her Pocket from her by Force, in which was a French Prayer-Book, and other Things. He was try'd and condemn'd laſt December Seſſions at the Old Baily, for a Street Robbery; but afterwards receiv'd his Majeſty's Free Pardon.

The ſame Day Mr. John Doe, the Poſtman, who was robb'd by Whitechapel Mount by Richard Spinks, Julius Hunt, and James Leech, appear'd at Col. De Veil's Houſe to proſecute, and the firſt two were upon their own Confeſſion, as well as upon his Oath, committed to Newgate, for aſſaulting him upon the King's Highway, blinding him with a Handkerchief, and declaring they would cut his Throat. Leech is not yet taken.

According to the laſt Advices from Francfort their Moſt Chriſtian and Catholick Majeſties have bound themſelves, by their laſt Treaties, to pay his Imperial Majeſty 700,000 l. per Annum, by way of Subſidy, 'till a Peace ſhall be concluded.

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Letters from Hambourg inform us, that they have certain Advice from Berlin that the King of Prussia has issued his Orders for 40,000 Men to hold themselves ready to march at an Hour's Warning.

The Britannia, Breading, from Carolina for London, is taken by the Spaniards.

The St. Joseph, Astley, from Newfoundland to Leghorn, is taken and carry'd into Cadiz.

The Robert, ——, belonging to Dartmouth, bound from Newfoundland for Oporto, was taken by a Spanish Privateer, and carry'd into Bayonne.

The St. Joseph, from Cadiz, is taken by an English Man of War, and carried into Jamaica.

Capt. Doleman of the Friend's Goodwill, (which Ship was lately taken by the Spaniards, but brought into Wales by the Contrivance of the Mate) is arriv'd in London from Cherburgh, to which Place he was carry'd by the Privateer that took him.

Capt. Dobson, of the Agadier, who was taken in his Voyage from Santa Cruz, and carried into the same Place, is also arriv'd in Town.

Monday came Advice that the Prince George, Stainsmore, from Newfoundland to Genoa, is taken by the Spaniards and carry'd into Majorca. And

That the Mayflower, Driscoll, from Lisbon for Cork, is likewise taken and carry'd into Bilboa.

On Tuesday came Advice that the Richard and Martha, Everden, from Newfoundland for Oporto, was taken the 26th of last Month by the Santa Christiana, a Spanish Privateer of 18 Carriage and 20 Swivel Guns; but was retaken the next Day by the Spy Sloop of War.

The same Day came Advice that the Victor, Giles, from Bristol, last from Ireland for Oporto, was likewise taken by the Santa Christiana, off the Bar of Oporto, after an Engagement of three Hours, during which Time the Spaniards had ten Men kill'd, one of whom was the Lieutenant; the Victor had one Man kill'd and two wounded. The said Privateer has taken two other Ships, bound from Newfoundland to the same Place, and carry'd them all into Bayonne.

We hear that two British Men of War are lying off the Harbour of Dunkirk, to watch (as 'tis said) the Motions of some Vessels in that Place.

Two Maltese Men of War, after a brisk Engagement, carry'd, on the 1st of this Month, into the Port of Alicant in Spain, a stout Algerine Rover, which had done a great deal of Mischief upon that Coast.

Extract of a Letter from Gibraltar, dated Nov. 7.

'An English Privateer has just brought in a 'Spanish Barcolongo, which she took the 4th Instant, 'laden with Provisions and Money for Majorca: 'She is said to be worth 30,000 l.

From the London Gazette.

Whitehall, Nov. 26. The King has been pleas'd to order a Conge d'Elire to pass the Great Seal, empowering the Dean and Chapter of the Collegiate Church of St. Asaph, to elect a Bishop of that See, void by the Translation of the Right Rev. Father in God Dr. Isaac Maddox, late Bishop thereof, to the See of Worcester; and also to name and recommend to the said Dean and Chapter the Rev. John Thomas, Doctor in Divinity, one of his Majesty's Chaplains in Ordinary, and Dean of the Cathedral Church of Peterborough, to be by them elected Bishop thereof.

The King has been pleas'd to constitute and appoint Henry Pulteney, Esq; to be Governor and Captain of the Town of Kingston upon Hull, and of all the Forts, Block-Houses, and Fortifications belonging to the same.

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